CAT 2022 Exam: Dates, Applications, Fees, Eligibility, Syllabus, Pattern, Marking Scheme

Common Admission Test or CAT is a national level management aptitude test conducted annually for admission to MBA/PGP programmes offered by the Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) and over 1,200 B-Schools in India. In CAT, candidates have to solve 66 questions on Quantitative Aptitude, Data Interpretatation, Logical Reasoning, Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension, in 120 minutes

The 20 IIMs that accept CAT score for admission to post graduate management courses are IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, IIM Lucknow, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Shillong, IIM Raipur, IIM Indore, IIM Nagpur, IIM Sambalpur, IIM Trichy, IIM Visakhapatnam, IIM Bodhgaya, IIM Ranchi, IIM Jammu, IIM Sirmaur, IIM Udaipur, IIM Amritsar, IIM Kashipur and IIM Rohtak.

CAT 2022 Exam Date (expected)

CAT 2022 exam is expected to be held on the last Sunday of November 2022, i.e. November 27 in 3 slots and the online registration process for the same will commence most likely by August 3, 2022 and will continue till September 3, 2022.

CAT exam is conducted by one of the 20 IIMs every year. CAT 2022 Registration will begin with the release of the official notification most likely in July/ August 2022

CAT 2022 Exam Fees

In order to fill the CAT 2022 application form, candidates will have to pay the CAT exam registration fee of **Rs 2,200** for the General/ Unreserved category and **Rs 1,100 for SC/ ST/ OBC** and other reserved categories (as per last year). Those who have a **Bachelor's degree with 50% marks** or equivalent CGPA will be eligible to fill out the CAT 2022 registration form.

Category	Application
General/ NC-OBC	INR 2200
SC/ ST	INR 1100
PwD/ DA	INR 1100

CAT 2022 Exam Eligibility

In order to fill out the CAT application

- **Graduation:** It is mandatory to have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in any discipline from a recognized university.
- **Minimum Marks:** Candidates must have scored at least 50% in graduation. For reserved category candidates, the minimum aggregate marks are 45%.
- **Age:** There are no upper age limit criteria to appear for CAT 2023.
- **Final Year Students:** Final year students can also apply for the exam; however, they will be given admission only if they meet the minimum marks criteria of 50% (40% for SC/ ST/ PwD) after graduation. Furthermore, those who have completed their final examination and are awaiting results can also apply.
- **Professional Degrees:** Candidates with CA/CS/ICWA degrees are also eligible to fill CAT application form.
- **Number of Attempts:** There is no limit on the number of attempts for CAT exam.

CAT 2022 Highlights

Full Exam Name	Common Admission Test
Short Exam Name	CAT
Conducting Body	Indian Institute of Management Indore
Frequency of Conduct	Once a year
Exam Level	National Level Exam
Languages	English
Mode of Application	Online
Application Fee (General)	2200 Rs [Online]

Mode of Exam	Online
Mode of Counseling	Online
Participating Colleges	1209
Exam Duration	2 Hours

CAT 2022 Exam Syllabus

CAT Syllabus includes three subjects- Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC), Quantitative Aptitude (QA), and Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR).

- **CAT VARC Syllabus** includes topics such as grammar, vocabulary, RC passages, and Para jumbles.
- **CAT DILR Syllabus** consist DI sets based on tables, graphs & charts, caselets, and LR sets based on analytical & non-verbal reasoning.
- **CAT Quant Syllabus** comprises of class 10th and 12th standard topics of Mathematics like arithmetic, algebra, numbers, geometry, etc.

CAT Syllabus for Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC)

Para Jumbles	Para Completion
Fill in the Blanks	Solved Sample Questions
Phrase Modifiers	Pronouns
Type of Clauses	Type of Articles
Reading Comprehension	Prepositions
Parts of Speech	Error in Tenses

CAT Syllabus for Quantitative Aptitude (QA)

Arithmetic	Algebra
Geometry	Trigonometry
Mensuration	Number System
Modern Math	Cube & Square Roots
Mean, Mode Median	Topic Wise Important Formulas for QA

CAT Syllabus for Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR)

Seating Arrangement	Syllogisms
Venn Diagram for Probability	Blood Relations
Puzzles	Clocks and Calendars
Pie Charts and Tables	Statement and Assumptions
Solved Questions on DILR	Bar Graph

CAT 2022 Exam Pattern

CAT exam pattern was revised in 2021 by IIM Ahmedabad and these changes are expected to continue for CAT 2022 exam as well. So, as per CAT Exam Pattern 2022, the question paper will be divided into 3 sections having a total of 66 questions.

- **Mode of Exam:** CAT 2022 will be conducted in online CBT mode at 438+ test centers located across 158+ major cities of India.
- **Medium of CAT Exam:** It is conducted only in the English language.
- **CAT Exam Duration:** 120 minutes for the entire paper
- **Sectional Time Limit:** 40 minutes for each of the 3 sections.
- **Type of Questions:** MCQs and TITA-type questions
- **Number of Questions:** 66 questions (70-75% MCQs and 25-30% TITA-type questions)
- **Number of Sections:** 3 sections- Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension (VARC), Quantitative Aptitude (QA), and Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR).
- **CAT Marking Scheme:** 3 marks awarded for every correct answer and 1 mark deducted for every wrong answer. No negative marking for TITA-type questions.
- Sectional Distribution of Questions:

CAT	Questions	
CAT Verbal Ability & Reading Comprehension	24	72
CAT Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning	20	60
CAT Quantitative Aptitude	22	66
Total	66	198

CAT 2022 Marking Scheme

Given below is the CAT exam marking scheme for MCQ and TITA-type questions:

Particulars	MCQs	TITA-type Questions
Correct Answer	+3	+3
Incorrect Answer	-1	No Negative Marking
Unanswered	-	-